

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5-6, 14-15 and 19-29 without prejudice. Please Amend claim 30 as follows.

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) [4-(4,9-diethoxy-1-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzo[f]isoindol-2-yl)phenyl]acetic acid ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.~~

31. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the compound according to claim 30 in admixture with one or more physiologically acceptable carriers or excipients.

32. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 31, further comprising one or more therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of a cyclooxygenase 2 inhibitor, a 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor, low dose aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, a leukotriene receptor antagonist, disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, an adenosine 1 agonist, a recombinant human tumor necrosis factor receptor fusion protein, a sodium channel antagonist, an N-methyl D-aspartate antagonist, and a 5HT1 agonist.

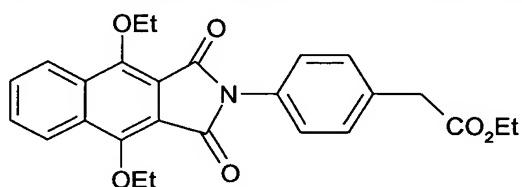
33. (Previously Presented) A method of treating neuropathic pain in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of the compound according to claim 30.

34. (Previously Presented) A method of treating colon cancer in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of the compound according to claim 30.

35. (Previously Presented) A method of treating migraine in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of the compound according to claim 30.

36. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the latency of HIV infection in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of the compound according to claim 30.

37. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing the compound according to claim 30, comprising the step of reducing the compound



with a suitable reducing agent, followed by separation of isomers and deprotection.